QUIET WORK.

One lesson, Nature, let me learn of thee, One lesson which in every wind is blown, One lesson of two duties kept as one, Though the loud world proclaim their en-

of toil unsevered from tranquillity; of labor, that in lasting fruit outgrows of labor, that in lasting fruit outgrows noisier schemes, accomplished in re great for haste, too high for rivalry.

Yes, while on earth a thousand discords ring, Man's senseless uproar mingling with his senseless uproar mingling with Still do thy quiet ministers move on.

Their glorious tasks in silence perfecting; Still working, blaming still our vain turmoll, Laborers that shall not fail when man is -Matthew Arnold.

#### THE LANE.

Beside its yellow-lichened bars
A stately chestnut rises;
From dawn until the birth of stars
"Tis full of sweet surprises.
No recent lane, new planned to meet
Some smart adjacent highway,
But classic to our fathers' feet,
An immemorial by-way!

Here many a bosk of thorny green
Till summer's end discloses,
In glimmering plentitude serene,
Dim knots of rustic roses;
And oft on these, where pale they burn,
The merry bee infringes,
With dulcet flatteries that might turn
Their pink to deeper tinges.

Here thrives the elder's lissome bough, In savage grace unheeded, Now fair with bridal white, or now With shining purple beaded. Or here, in August's languid sway, Slow-changed by varied phases, The blackberry-bush, with bronzing spr - Its ripe dark fruitage raises.

Or here, with lapse of weeks grown bold,
Through soil scape herbed and sullen,
Touched menteer; with vivid gold,
Shoot the tall woolly mulien;
Or when chill autumn hours are new,
Slim asters group their brightness,
And mushrooms bathe in morning dew
Their rounds of globy whiteness.

And here, with murmurs like faint seas, Above the leafy level, Stand forth those old wild cherry-trees Where greedy robins real. ere greedy robins revel; ere, from hated tasks released. on crimson pillage, ushly for his juicy feast thin of the village.

But while your charms, monastic lane, In quiet beauty slumber, You blend to make the dear domain Of memories without number! For cheeks where age has wrought to-day Its dull and sallow deadness, Have once, amid your winding ways, Blushed warm in maiden redness!

But when at last your nooks and knolls
Their lovely peace deliver
To banks that lie where broadly rolls
This fleet and radiant river,
I dream of some brief lowly song
Whose verse fond praise may render
To some grand epic, borne along
In resonance and splendor.
—Edgar Faucett, in Youth's Companio

#### WASH JONES, LOAFER.

"There is Wash Jones, propping up the corner as usual. The laziest, most fellow I ever saw in my life. He hasn't snap enough to do much mis-chief, and certainly not enough to do

double-seated wagon being a girl of 16, whose features sufficiently proclaimed

er his daughter. "I hear every body saying how shift-less he is," she responded; "however, it's better so than if he were downright possible to the scene of her rescue. gly with his laziness."

"That ain't his only fault, you may depend upon it. Just look at him as he stands there, and see if you can think of any place in life made for such as he. Too intelligent for a fool; too lazy to be

They were in front of the village bank. Mr. Brent drove down to the edge of the curb, dropped the lines across the dashboard, and went inside to transact some business. The girl, sitting upon the back seat, half turned her head to watch the object of their remarks. Not that Wash Jones was personally very attractive. Tall, gaunt, lifeless, he leaned against the corner of a building near and lazily watched what assed before his eyes with scarcely a sign of interest in the busy life-scene. By general consent Wash was eknowledged the loafer of the village Wash was

of Berkeley; and there certainly was not another of his class who presented such contradictory phases of character —if character he could be said to have at all. Worthless as he was, in every practical sense, and gravitating ever to-ward the worst society in the place— for country villages do have very bad social elements, notwithstanding the nt somewhere in his nature. Although all afloat in the sea of iniquity, would not sink beneath its waves, and he quite as resolutely resisted all forts at his rescue. None of the serious iquities that now and then disturbed the neighborhood were ever traced to him, and no effort of the very many that were made to induce him to come out his vile associates and strive for something better ever produced the slightest result. The church, Sundayol, even any ordinary social gather ing, was quite beyond the range of his aspiration, and he had never been induced to take part in any good work any more than in manual labor. His widowed mother, by keeping a small widowed mother, by keeping a small boarding-house, and his sister, by services as a school-teacher, managed to support the family of four, a younger

rother completing the family.
So "Wash"—for only his mother and ter seemed to know that he had once been christened in honor (!) of the father of his country-stood upon corners, smoked, whistled, danced a bit of a jig now and then, but was never known to exert himself in any other way, save when some ugly or obstinate orse had exhausted the skill and patience of the horsemen of the place, when he would frequently put forth a adgment and dexterity that made him

But Wash was not boastful; and with great physical power, when he saw fit to make use of it, he was by no means quarrelsome. Neither, strangely enough under the circumstances, did he often drink deeply, never to intoxication.

These were the features of young Jones's life known to every body, and Ellen Brent had often heard them discussed by those who earnestly desired that the young man might be won to better ways of life as well as by those who his features furnish any clew to the inner

ranspiring about her.

She did not even notice that a light we kin look it up at our leisure. handkerchief, dropped from an upper two—" and the villain counted slowly window of the nearest building had been till the word "ten" was spoken. caught by a passing zephyr, and carried "All that a man hath he will give for some distance in the air. As it descend- his life." Mr. Brent, though he did not ed it drifted directly toward her. The lack firmness in the hour of trial or phyhorse, catching a glimpse of the white sical courage, felt that it would be bet-substance, recoiled in terror; the next ter to surrender the money in his poswith a bound of fright the animal sprang struggle.

Chariton Conrier. ed, spoke to the horse and reached for the reins, but the first movement caused least not for the means you employ tear from his eye, and turned an earnest them to drop about the animal's heels, and now with a wild rush he darted from the spot, the handkerchief being entangled about the bridle and fluttering in his assistants. to stop the runaway while it was easy to did not hear movements behind the do, or rather the few who might have done so were quite as badly frightened as the trembling girl who now clung to scended upon the head of their leads the careening vehicle and strove to ar- stretching him like an ox upon the floor rest the demoralized horse by her voice. Loud shouts of "Whoa!" from the side-walk do not accomplish much at such the third, dropping the dark lanter

fluttering down toward the horse, as it stood in front of the village bank, and and by its beams Mr. Brent could s made a jesting remark that brought a the knife withdrawn and raised for roar of laughter to the lips of those who other stroke, but before it could desce heard it. But when the mischief which he had leaped from his couch a sudden change came over the manner of the loafer.

dust in fierce pursuit of the flying horse. Hearty cheers of encouragement rang out as he passed, but no attention was "What, his desire. Surely there was something | mean?" heroic in the efforts he was putting forth, but was it possible that he could maintain his fearful speed long enough to reach the horse and check him in his

to the ground. to the ground.

A cry of despair went up at this mishap, but even as it rose he was upon his feet again, and comprehended how many precious yards of distance he had lost. "Clear the way, there!" he shouted, and with a series of springs which seemed more like those of some desperate wild animal than of a human being, he was alongside the runaway again. And not alongside only! He caught the reins wound them about dress himself and explain what had on the series are supported in the house were again. And not alongside only! He caught the reins wound them about dress himself and explain what had on the series are supported in the window when they had expected to depart with the booty.

"May as well let 'em go," gaspe Wash; "they're tramps, and won stop long in this neighborhood arts what has happened."

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stood knee-deep in the margin of the gratitude she felt a deep pity and so stream, and some of those who held him row for him that he had received were floundering about up to their waists fearful a wound. She did not know t in the water. By main strength the extent of his injury, but in such case horse and carriage were pulled back to a point of safety, and then the trembling maiden, who had crept back upon the father returned with the surgeon? seat and relapsed into a state of unconsciousness, was lifted out and carried asked, as a moan passed his lips. into the most respectable of the adjoininto the most respectable of the adjoin-

lage, the only other occupant of his double-seated wagon being a girl of 16, received them from the teller at the bank, and was about to count the amount, when the runaway was noticed. His first thought was for the safety of moment that the tears gushed from h his daughter, and he ran as quickly as eyes. "I never knew the old horse to run "you have done such great favors for

much of a rascal; only fit to disgust and burden the world."

They were in front of the village bank. Mr. Brent drove down to the mister, if it hadn't been for him you maybe you'd like to know how it happen mister, if it hadn't been for him you maybe you'd like to know how it happen ed yourself. Now, arter the time you her worldn't had not been for him you maybe you'd like to know how it happen ed yourself. Now, arter the time you her worldn't had not been for him you maybe you'd like to know how it happen ed yourself. Now, arter the time you her worldn't had not been for him you maybe you'd like to know how it happen ed yourself. Now, arter the time you her worldn't had not been for him you had not been for him wouldn't hed any darter now." And the declaration was confirmed by

all who had seen the heroic act. to see him. Will some of you bring him in?"

Several started to summon the rescuer, but he was not to be found. He had risen to his feet and disappeared without a word. When his horse was again in a proper mood for driving, Mr. Bent started homeward, calling at the house of Mrs. Jones, but her son was not there, and after leaving a very earn-est message of gratitude "for the young man" when he should return, the happy father drove to his home.

That home was a pleasant one, some two miles from the village, with a beautiful farming region about the house and grounds, in pleasant contrast with the humbler farm-houses in that vicinistereotyped paragraphs in regard to ty; for Mr. Brent had by careful thrift their purity—there seemed a repellant and a moderate inheritance made himself the master of a comfortable little property. The money he had that day drawn from the bank was not to be used until the following afternoon; so he put it carefully in a little iron-bound trunk, placed the key in a private receptacle, and at the usual hour sought his couch, quite exhausted with the duties of the day and the severe nervous trial through which he had passed.

He slept heavily; but some time in the night what seemed an unusual presence of some sort in or about his room roused him, and thinking first of Ellen, he called her name. An instant hush followed, if indeed it had been any thing more than fancy that woke him, but he repeated the name, this time louder than before, and rising in bed. The next moment a brilliant flash of

light struck full in his eyes, almost blinding him by its intensity; but he to a probability, that he would eventu- impossible to read it at all; a scientific blinding him by its intensity; but he could see, only a few inches from his face, the deadly gleam of a revolver girl, thinking not of the future, but only face, the deadly gleam of a revolver and three dark forms in his room. "Another yell like that 'll be yer last! Back into bed with yer!" hissed a savage voice, and the point of a knife was pressed to his breast by way of em-

Quite helpless as he was, there was nothing for Mr. Brent to do but to submit. Possibly a few moments would be consumed in parley, and in that time he might learn the object of the burglars, misguided young man. consumed in parley, and in that time he might learn the object of the burglars, and perchance devise some means of thwarting them. Evidently they were white men, though the faces of all were blackened by way of disguise.

"Who are you, and what do you mean by this outrage?" he demanded. A laugh-a devilish, hissing laugh, close in his ears, was the first reply. Then the spokesman of the party over the prostrate man and muttered, in a tone that could not have been heard ten feet away:

were confident that there was no possi-bility of improvement in the fellow. Did We don't belong here, nor hereabout. But we know you hev got a lot o' money his features turnish any clew to the inner life of so worthless a being? She could not see that they did; and while gazing intently and recalling the many things she had heard of him, the girl became quite indifferent to the little of active life out with it afore I count ten, or we'll so out with it afore I count ten, or we'll so fix you and all the rest in the house, so for his happiness. Only thus can his

noment it struck full in his face, and session than lose his life in a fruitless fed so many hearts. As she dropped

least not for the means you employ tear from his eye, and turned an earnest to obtain it." "Watch him close, fellers; no trick

now!" the leader of the gang cautioned

nor were they apprised of the present A second quickly followed, smit mes.

Wash Jones saw the handkerchief sprang upon the single assailant w had dealt the blows and plunged a kn

had been wrought was apparent, a very caught the arm. The wounded man way I could show you that all this carin' joined in the struggle, the knife was wrested away, and the baffled villiain, "Go in and save the gal!" shouted a breaking from them, dashed through a window and disappeared in the dark-The words were spoken in jest, but ness. As the scoundrel fied, deliverer Wash caught at the idea, and with a and delivered stood facing each other, bound away he went through the rolling and the latter, for the first time, recognized who it was that had come to his

"What, Wash Jones?" he exclaimed. given to aught save the one object of "What in the world does all this "I'll tell ye, soon as I can," Wash

For a moment the animal slack- it over a bit afore I try to talk." ened his speed, then changed his course A hasty inspection showed a frightful toward the river, bringing him almost within reach of his pursuer's hand. But the heart. Mr. Brent carefully assisted to cheer and help those whom you asas Wash gave a mighty spring, hoping to grasp the flowing reins, his foot struck a loose pebble and he fell heavily were being adjusted under his head, t

result in doubt, then the mastery was won, and half a dozen hands seized the trembling horse. Wash Jones relaxed his grasp, dropped upon the ground, and reaching out his hands drew himself along till his face rested in the water of the splashing river.

Ellen Brent remained near Wash though it was very little she could do for him, beyond giving an occasiona drink of water. It was so strange, she roused some of the neighbors an sent them over to to his house to await the return, though there could be little and the roused some of the neighbors an sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors an sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over the neighbors and sent them over to to his house to await the roused some of the neighbors and sent them over the ne Ellen Brent was saved, but not an instant had there been to spare. Before his last mad plunges ceased the horse service to them; and in addition "Do you suffer very much?"

chief, and certainly not enough to do any good."

Mhile this was being done, her father arrived on the spot, excited and breathas have sometimes. I'm afraid I'll lo several days' work afore I get do

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The rescued girl could not tell; she had seen nothing till the horse sprang forward with a force that nearly threw her from the seat; but there were those present who had seen the entire occuration in the world."

"I never knew the old horse to run before, "he exclaimed, soothing the excited nerves of his daughter; "what was it frightened him?"

Wash tried to laugh. "You wouldn call me much of an angel if you knew me, unless it was a street-corner angel But there's a plenty more to lean agains the corners—they won't miss me.' Pausing now and then, and speaking slowly, he went on: "I don't know the force of his daughter; "what was it frightened him?"

Wash tried to laugh. "You wouldn call me much of an angel if you knew me, unless it was a street-corner angel But there's a plenty more to lean agains the corners—they won't miss me.' Pausing now and then, and speaking slowly, he went on: "I don't know." rence and the heroic pursuit of Wash Jones.

"Wash Jones!" the father repeated.
"You don't mean to say that he overtook a runaway horse and stopped it?" took a runaway horse and stopped it?" "Yes, he did," retorted a big fellow of not very sayory any sayory and stopped it?" should—turn out for the worst, that I'd of not very sayory any sayory and stopped it." with your hoss this mornin', some o an' I did, 'cos I felt as though it would "Where is the brave fellow? I want | cool me down. There was two tramps there—I know they're tramps, because I know all the loafers that belong here. They must hev seen yer father on the street with a lot of money in his hands, for they asked all about you and him and at first I told 'em, for they seeme honest enough, and it was natural to honest enough, and it was natural to ask such questions. But when one of 'em said the old man must be purty well off to trot the streets with handfuls of greeners, I thort mebbe I might hev said too much. I shut right down; made believe I didn't know any thing, scarceyours, of which at best I must be only too unworthy, completes the inspiration and holds the crown in view. I am content to wait to prove myself; and mother and Julia are helping me, too; for they have reason to be proud and happy over the change, and they know that it's all owing to you. And I'm happy in seeing them happy, and in an-ticipation of still better days to come." ly, which wasn't much out of the way. and tried to find out who they wuz. But they kept close mouths, and I lost sight of 'em. So I loafed off over this way, and thought I'd keep an eye out for the scoundrels, if they was up to any thing; but they were in the house here afore

knew it, and I got in the best way I could—and you know the rest." It was not long before the surgeon ar rived, and his tone was grave after the examination and dressing was finished.
"He may live and he may die," was his answer to the anxious inquiries. "You must see that he is kept perfectly quiet—well cared for—don't think of moving him-and if there isn't internal bleeding it's possible. I'll be up during

the forenoon and see him again. A week passed, two weeks, a month, even, and still Ellen Brent was watching beside the couch of George Jones. Very slowly had that young man come back to strength, and even yet, the physician assured them, he was at any moment words and see each letter with perfect liable to a fatal result. But there was distinction; but if we move a page to a of her indebtedness to the sufferer, We can not alter this focus, except by maintained her constant watch. But the aid of spectacles. But an eagle has

fering, misguided young man.

Ellen did not believe that George was inherently wicked, only that he was weak and wanting in will power; and every day that conviction deepened in her mind. She read, sang, talked to him, as his mood might be; seeking, by every influence employed to lead his mind in the direction of strength and firmness. His room was made a very bower of comfort and beauty, with fruit and flowers, pictures and birds, and, more than all, the tireless presence of her whose smile and voice had become

insensibly so interwoven with his wak-ing thoughts and sleeping visions. But during all these weeks Ellen had never even given a hint of the grand object she now had solely in view. "He must first see and feel," she said to her-self, "that we are his friends, and care heart be opened; but once open the messenger of a divine mission may en-

ter in, and find a welcome." But at last the time came when Ellen was to speak directly—came very unex-pectedly, too. She had been reading from Whittier, some of those pure, soulladen poems, which have warmed and the book, and bent her head upon her into the air. The girl, not as yet alarm "I will tell you where the money is hand, weary and almost ill, as George

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Maybe you think I'm ungrateful

for me wasn't to be thrown away."

Ellen hesitated but a moment.

asking for the sowing of the seed.

has been our only hope and desire in all

Lemon Pic.-11 cupfuls sugar, 2 eggs, for use as a squab. "Miss Brent," he said, "I shan't be 2 tablespoonfuls flour, 1 teacupful water. here much longer, for I'm strong Waffles .- 1 pint sweet milk, 4 eggs, 1 enough to go home now, and I hadn't his eyes as he ran. There was no one so intent were the burglars that the stay another day. But before salt, flour to make a stiff batter, baking ner? A good many farmers and garto stop the runaway while it was easy to did not hear movements behind the vant you to tell me how I can powder in the proportion of 3 tenspoon- deners never think much about this; powder in the proportion of 3 tenspoonfuls to a quart of flour. you for all this care and kind-

Crab-apple Sweet Pickle .- Heat a pint | the crops is greatly impaired. pickles done in that way.

flour last. Bake in a quick oven. Buttermilk Muffins .- 1 quart buttermilk, 2 eggs, butter the size of an egg, 2 flat spoonfuls soda mixed in a little water, or 1 spoonful saleratus, 2 tea-

the golden opportunity; the field was spoonfuls salt, flour to make a thick batter. Bake in rings in a quick oven. "You'll not think it amiss," she said, bending near him, "if I tell you what Graham Gems .- Mix your graham flour in a thick batter with warm water: a tablespoonful of lard to about a quart "I'd be a brute if I did." he made of water; & cupful of molasses with & teaspoonful of soda beaten in; stir the answer. "I hope you don't hold so poor an opinion of me as that." mixture briskly, put it in a hot pan, and bake in a very hot oven.

"Most certainly not, George. We have done what we could to make your weary days comfortable. The world is full of hearts needing comfort; hearts that are weak, and need strength. We sugar, 1 teaspoonful of soda dissolved water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain-sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark, packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water mark packed with sand or earth made certain sure above high or low water made certain su never have to go far to find them. You in the milk, I teaspoonful of salt; mix enough to keep the roots fresh, and will find many such in life. You are young; you have the power to do much make a thin batter. Bake on a griddle. the frost. Put a third into your cellarsociate with. But you must first make

onions, I large carrot grated, & pound so as to exclude light and air. fresh beef, & pound fresh pork; boil all then leave a third where it grew. Earth through a colander into tureen; add 1 comes on, being careful of course to do wineglassful port wine, or not, accordit when the plants are dry, and to keep

quart milk, 5 tablespoonfuls sugar, 2 in a pudding-dish, which place in a pan it in place, and for convenience in re-of water in the oven and bake. When moving a little at a time when you come nearly baked, add a meringue made to dig. If there is a good body of snow, with the 3 whites and 2 tablespoonfuls very little other protection is needed, of brown sugar to each white, and any but it won't do to depend on it. In the flavoring. Bake a light brown.

fuls of white mustard-seed, a little horse-radish, and a portion of the seeds taken from the peppers; salt it well and chop very fine. Cut out a round piece way past the holidays, celery so crisp and juicy that it was hard chewing to where the stem of the pepper is and stuff full of the chopped mitxure. Have good vinegar very hot in which you have thrown allspice, cloves, and mace, and all roots of this class keep so much better for table use if packed in layers of done five or six mornings.

Rolled Pancakes .- Beat 6 eggs separately; stir the yelks into 1 quart of warm milk with a tablespoonful of melted butter and a teaspoonful of salt; and sufficient flour to make a thin batter; then sprinkle in one teaspoonful of yeastpowder, and stir in the whites of the eggs; put a frying-pan on the fire; when it is hot, grease with a spoonful of lard; pour in a cupful of batter, fry a light brown, and turn carefully, so as not to break the cake; when brown on both sides, lift out and spread with strawberry jam, or any kind of jam or marmalade you have, roll up nicely, and lay them on a plate; sprinkle with pulverized sugar; send to the table hot, and serve with or without cream.

#### FARM TOPICS.

WINTER PLANTS .- In winter my plants are in my kitchen, where they have an abundance of steam and the nefit of a wood fire. I have not much faith in gas-heated rooms for plants; then on Monday I just roll out the table, and give them a first shower bath of suds, then of clear water. For bottom heat nothing easier; just turn those shelves, which most housewives have on their stoves for bread-raising, etc., so there will not be too strong a heat, and you have it; or if the aforesaid shelves are otherwise occupied and all at once you are inspired with the idea that some of their toes are cold, just set them in a saucer of hot water. I generally take it when boiling, and have never yet killed any, and let them suck up all they want, then after a while throw out what is left. Never let them stand in water for a long time. Whenever bottom heat s mentioned in this article, just imagine them either on the shelves or standing ankle deep in hot water. If any one s skeptical about the hot water, just try it first on some poor specimen that wouldn't be a great loss, and see how it

works.-Kansas Farmer. OLD WAGONS .- As a general thing, a new wagon is very much to be preferred to an old one. A very old one is sometimes during the first year after its purchase a great deal more expensive than a new one. Better pay \$85 for a new one which will run five or 10 years without costing a cent for repairs than to pay \$40 for an old one which it will amount of inconvenience, and the loss of much valuable time to keep it in order; and which by the time the new one would need its first and inexpensive repairs will be utterly worn out and useless. Better run in debt a little for were invited to a soda and cake sho a new one than to buy such an old one as that. Indeed, very old wagons are generally expensive property. No reliance can be placed upon them. They break down when mostly needed for use, and it is an almost constant expense to keep them going at all. I lived in the house with a man who repairs farm wagons, and I must say it is astonishing how often they break down. When one part is mended so as to be strong and durable, something else is sure to give way. I have sometimes thought that before I would pay out as much as some men do in the fruitless effort to keep old wagons in repair, I would make them into fire-wood, and either hire or buy something which would prove more substantial .- Work-

The Eve of the Eagle.

ascend more than a mile in perpendicu-lar height, and from that elevation will

perceive its unsuspecting prey, and pounce on it with unerring certainty; and when we see some birds scrutiniz-

ing, with almost microscopic nicety,

perceive that he possesses the power of accommodating his sight to distance in

a manner to which our eye is unfitted, and of which it is totally incapable. If

we take a printed page we shall find that there is some particular distance, prob-

ably ten inches, at which we can read the

an object close at hand, we shall at one

When we recollect that an eagle will

ing Farmer. TO TELL THE AGE OF FOWLS.-If a she was more than a watcher. Not the power of altering the focus of his hen's spur is hard and the scales on the nominally, but none the less really, she eye just as he pleases. He has only to legs are rough, she is old, whether you had become a teacher. And yet more look at an object at the distance of two than a teacher, for the word is not yet feet or two miles in order to see it with corroborate your observation. If the

> oft and the como thin and smooth. An id turkey has rough scales on the legs, tallosites on the soles of the feet and ong, strong claws; a young one the reserves of all these marks. When the eathers are on the old turkey-cock has long tuft of beard, a young one but a prouting one; and when they are off the ooth scales on the legs decide the int, besides the difference in size in ne wattles of the neck and the elastic oot upon the nose. An old goose nen alive is known by the rough legs, strength of the wings, particularly the pinions, the thickness and rength of the bill and fineness of the hers, and, when plucked, by the gs, the tenderness of the skin wings, by the pinions and the bill ad the coarseness of the skin. Ducks distinguished by the same means, t there is the difference that a duckig's bill is much longer in proportion the breath of the head than the old ick's. A young pigeon is discovered its pale color, smooth scales, tender, llapsed feet, and the yellow long down

terspersed among its feathers. A Add

pigeon that can fly has always red-colored legs and no down, and is too old

KEEPING VEGETABLES. - Having grown good vegetables, how shall they large cupful cold rice or hominy, a little be harvested and kept in the best manand yet without proper care the value of

of vinegar and a pound of sugar, mace, and cloves together, and pour over the raise for the market, you probably know crab-apples for 6 mornings. Plums, more about the care of it than we can cherries, and peaches make delightful tell you-which, we take it, is rather an unusual admission for an agricultural Sponge Cake .- 10 eggs, their weight editor to make. An air of infallibility in sugar, a the weight in flour, juice of is a part of the equipment for such 1 lemon, 1 teaspoonful vanilla; beat post—but don't repeat it, please! But yelks well; stir them with sugar to a we have, year after year, raised better we have, year after year, raised better cream; beat whites to a stiff froth; add | celery than we are now able to find, and have kept it for winter use perfectly fresh, crisp and juicy, with very little trouble; and therefore we speak to the average farmer or gardener with some

It is a good plan, in this as in other

matters, not to put all of your eggs in one basket. Many a gardener has discouraged, not to say disgusted, at finding all the celery which he had packed away in the cellar, under somebody's direction, dry, wilted and worthless before the winter was half gone-or spoilt in the garden-trench prepared for it with such pains. Therefore, go Johnny Cake .- 3 cupfuls of sour milk, to school to Experience. Put a third altogether with sufficient corn-meal to covered with straw enough to keep out Mock Turtle Soup .- 1 pint black beans taking care to secure as much earth soaked over night in 4 quarts water, 2 with the roots as possible, and covering day; when ready for dinner strain it up to the tips, as the cold weather ing to fancy, I hard-boiled egg, I lemon the dirt from the inside of the stalks If set late it will make good growth Hard Custard .- 5 eggs well beaten during this month. Before hard freez-(reserving 3 whites for meringue), 1 ing weather comes on, cover the row thickly with leaves or straw, and lay on easpoonfuls vanilla, pinch of salt; put sticks of wood or short boards to hold winter dig as you want it for the table. To Stuff Green Peppers .- Take one- Put it at once into cold water, and all half a cabbage, 2 onions, 2 tablespoon- trace of frost, should a little have penetrated the covering, will be rem We have had from the garden-trenches, come down to bunches from even the

best pits. pour over the peppers. This must be ter for table use if packed in layers of sand or earth, in boxes or barrels, that it really pays for the extra trouble. We always leave a few rows of the latter vegetables in the ground, for spring digging; but beets will come out of the boxes as fresh as when pulled, if packed in the way suggested. Cabbages keep best in the old fashioned trenches outdoors, but for convenience they may be laid in a row on the cellar-bottom, with their roots covered with moist sand or earth to preserve the freshness of the heads. Squashes and onions need a dry, cool place—an attic or kitchen chamber, or some such room-where a little covering will keep them from freezing. If you have raised good crops, com

plete the success by storing them in the best way. If you have to buy your vegetables, it pays to take the best care of them.—Golden Rule.

#### What Posterity May Sec.

Every one knows that Cleopatra's was safely placed in its destined position on the Thames embankment. in London, on the 12th of last month. Under its base, in two large earthenware jars, in addition to the standard measures authorized by the Government, copies of the current coin of the realm, the leading newspapers of the day, were placed copies of the Bible in the English and French languages, the Hebrew Pentateuch, the Arabic Genesis, and a specimen published by the Bible Society showing the 16th verse of the 3d chapter of St. John (why this verse?) in 215 languages. In curious compan ship with the above were put Bradshaw's Railway Guide, a shilling razor, a case of cigars, an infant's feeding bottle, a box of hairpins, "sundry articles of female adornment," photographs of a dozen pretty women, and sundry children's toys. All these will be safe enough while the Needle stands—which will probably be until, to quote Macau-ley's well remembered, but certainly by no means original, sentence, traveler from New Zealand shall, in the midst of a vast solitude, take his stand on a broken arch of London Bridge to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's." He may smile, in his possible and probable advanced civilization, at the heterogenous articles which may be found beneath the monolith. Who knows, if the Needle resist the assaults of time and accident up to his own era, whether it may have take \$10 a year, and cause a great another journey, and finally rest on the soil of the Antipodes?-Philadelphia

Press. -Four newsboys, while singing "Whoa, Emma!" the other afternoon,

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